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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In-re Application of:

**Joseph C. CAUTHEN**

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For: **INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
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) Confirmation No.: 8078  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the Office action of July 1, 2005. A fee of \$120.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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